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SUBJECT : TARBELA DAM., PROGRESS REPORT

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1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, THE SERVICE SPILLWAY AT TARBELA DAM WENT INTO OPERATION FOR THE FIRST TIME ON AUGUST 7. THE OPERATION OF THE SPILLWAY MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE COMPLETION OF REPAIRS TO THE DAM STRUCTURES AND PERMITS CLOSURE OF TUNNELS THREE AND FOUR FOR REPAIRS TO EROSION FOUND IN THE STILLING BASINS AT THE OUTLETS OF THOSE TUNNELS.

2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE SPILLWAY BEGAN OPERATIONS THE POTENTIAL WAS OBSERVED FOR EROSION OF THE BASE OF A TRANSMISSION TOWER DOWNSTREAM ON
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THE SPILLWAY CHANNEL. THE SPILLWAY WAS SHUT DOWN

AND THE TOWER RELOCATED.
TUNNEL THREE WAS RE-OPENED TEMPORARILY DURING SPILL-
WAY SHIN ORDER TO MAINTAIN RESERVOIR LEVEL
CONSTANT FOR TESTING PURPOSES. THE SPILLWAY IS EXPECTED
TO RESUME OPERATION ON AUGUST 13.

3. RESERVOIR ELEVATION AT THE TIME OF THE SPILLWAY
OPENING WAS 1,510 FEET WITH RESERVOIR DEPTH AT 410
FEET AND STORAGE OF 8 MILLION ACRE FEET. DISCHARGE
OVER THE SPILLWAY WILL BE AT THE RATE OF 90,000 CUSECS
WHICH WILL HOLD THE RESERVOIR LEVEL CONSTANT FOR
TESTING PURPOSES. AFTER 10-14 DAYS OF TESTING AT
CONSTANT LEVEL, A DECISION WILL BE MADE WHETHER TO
RAISE RESERVOIR ON UP TO 1,550 MAXIMUM STORAGE ELE-
VATION FOR ADDITIONAL 2.7 MILLION ACRE FEET OF WATER
STORED FOR IRRIGATION. AFTER OCTOBER FIRST, THE
RESERVOIR WILL BE GRADUALLY DRAWN DOWN DURING THE
WINTER MONTHS TO RELEASE WATER FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES.

4. COMMENT. TAMS ENGINEERS TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 5
THAT USE OF THE SPILLWAY IS IMPORTANT TO THEM AS IT
PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE FOR ANY EMERGENCY
MEASURES AND PERMITS HOLDING THE RESERVOIR AT A
STABLE ELEVATION FOR MORE EXACT OBSERVATION AND
MEASUREMENTS OF DAM OPERATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED
COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH OPERATIONS AT DAM.
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